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SOUTH CAROLINA CROP PRODUCTION PROSPECTS MIXED

Based on August 1 conditions, South Carolina's 2007 yield was down from a year ago for corn, cotton, and soybeans, while tobacco was up and peanuts remained the same, according to the USDA NASS South Carolina Field Office.

CORN production in 2007 is expected to total 37.0 million bushels, up 16 percent from last year. Expected yield per acre is estimated at 100 bushels. This is down 10 bushels from last year. Acreage for harvest as grain, at 370,000, is up 80,000 from 2006.

SOYBEAN production in 2007 is expected to total 10.7 million bushels, down 6 percent from last year. Expected yield per acre of 26 bushels is down 10 percent from a year ago. Acreage for harvest, at 410,000, is up 20,000 acres from 2006.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO production as of August 1, is forecast at 49.5 million pounds. This is up 2 percent from last year's production and up 1.1 million pounds from last month. Yield per acre of 2,250 pounds is up 150 pounds from last year and up 50 pounds from the July forecast. Acreage for harvest, at 22,000, is down 1,000 acres from 2006.

COTTON production is forecast at 268,000 bales – down 38 percent from last year. The August 1 yield per acre is expected to average 650 pounds, down 47 pounds from last year. Acreage for harvest, at 198,000, is down 100,000 from 2006.

PEANUT production is forecast at 161.2 million pounds, down 7 percent from last year's production. Yield per acre, at 3,100 pounds, is unchanged from 2006. Acreage for harvest, at 52,000 is down 4,000 acres from 2006.

UNITED STATES 2007 PRODUCTION AND PERCENT OF PREVIOUS YEAR

Corn	13.1	Bil. Bu	124%	Sorghum	475	Mil. Bu.	171%
Soybeans	2.63	Bil. Bu.	82%	Peanuts	3.37	Bil. Lbs.	97%
Tobacco, F.C.	496	Mil. Lbs.	111%	Hay	75	Mil. Tons	108%
Cotton, Upland	16.5	Mil. Bales	79%	Oats	98	Mil. Bu.	105%